

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A metal oxide complex powder obtained by polymerizing a polymerizable and unsaturated group-containing monomer via a polymerization initiation group introduced and immobilized onto the surface of at least one metal oxide selected from the group consisting of zinc oxide, titanium oxide and cerium oxide, wherein the primary particle diameter of said metal oxide complex powder is 1 μm or less.

2. (Previously Presented) A cosmetic comprising the metal oxide complex powder of claim 1.

3. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic according to claim 2, wherein the metal oxide is present inside of the complex powder.

4. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic according to claim 2, wherein the metal oxide complex powder is obtained by polymerization in the presence of a transition metal complex.

5. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic according to claim 2, wherein the metal oxide complex powder is obtained by polymerization in the presence of a halogenated copper and an organic compound capable of coordination with copper.

6. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic according to claim 2, wherein the polymerization initiation group is a halogenated alkyl group.

7. (Previously Presented) A method of preparing a cosmetic composition comprising mixing the metal oxide complex powder of claim 1 with at least one cosmetic material.

8. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic according to claim 3, wherein the metal oxide complex powder is obtained by polymerization in the presence of a transition metal complex.

9. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic according to claim 3, wherein the metal oxide complex powder is obtained by polymerization in the presence of a halogenated copper and an organic compound capable of coordination with copper.

10. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic according to claim 3, wherein the polymerization initiation group is a halogenated alkyl group.